

Alexandria Gazette.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, JAN. 17, 1906.

Local Matters.

Sun and Tide Table.

Sun rises tomorrow at 7:16 a. m. and sets at 5:06 p. m. High water at 12:55 a. m. and 1:34 p. m.

Weather Probabilities.

For this section partly cloudy tonight. Thursday rain; light variable winds, becoming easterly.

Memorial Bridge Bill Passed.

Senator Daniel yesterday afternoon called up the memorial bridge bill, which was favorably reported from the committee on the District of Columbia about a month ago, and asked that the Senate take action on it. Senator McCumber remarked that he could not see why this bill should be passed when the country is now laboring under a deficit of \$20,000,000, and such matters as houses for embassies abroad, public buildings in this country, river and harbor improvements and other important public works have to be laid aside for the present.

Senator Gallinger, made a strong argument for the bill.

Senator Daniel believed that this great project had waited long enough, and he hoped the Senate would repeat its action in the past by putting it on its passage. Without further debate the bill was then passed.

It authorizes the Secretary of War to cause the construction of a bridge from the most convenient point upon or near the old observatory grounds across the Potomac to the most convenient point of the Arlington estate property. The bridge is to be constructed on a plan to be approved by a board composed of the Secretary of War, the Vice President, the Speaker of the House, the chairman of the committee on the District of the Senate and House. The cost is limited to \$5,000,000. An appropriation of \$500,000 is made by the bill to secure a plan and to commence construction work.

New Steamboats.

The work is progressing quite rapidly on the building of the new steel excursion steamer Jamestown, which the Norfolk and Washington Steamboat Company is having built at Newport News shipyard for daylight excursions on the river. The boat will be ready to be launched about March 1st and about ninety days later she will be ready for service.

The new ferry steamer, the sister ship of the steamer Woodbury, now on the route between this city and Washington, which is building at the yard of the Harlan & Hollingsworth corporation at Wilmington, Del., will also be ready for launching about March 1st, and will be ready for service early in May next. It is stated that the new ferry boat will be named the Callahan, in honor of Mr. John Callahan, the manager of the Norfolk and Washington lines.

Reliance Fire Company.

The annual meeting of the Reliance Fire Company was held last night. After routine business was disposed of with the election of officers was entered into. The following were elected: L. E. Uhler, president; Thomas W. Robinson, 1st vice-president; J. R. N. Curtin, 2nd vice-president; W. H. Bontz, jr., treasurer; F. D. Pollard, secretary; H. Tenneson, assistant secretary; Allen L. Thompson, recorder. Active officers: A. D. Grimes, captain; K. W. Ogden, 1st lieutenant; G. K. Prettyman, 2nd lieutenant; M. W. Glasgow, commander of hose. Executive committee: J. S. Douglas, Courtney Acton, C. B. Paff. On behalf of the company Mr. R. M. Pettet presented the president, Mr. Uhler, with a handsome Morris chair as a token of the high esteem in which he is held.

Police Court.

[Justice H. B. Caton presiding.] The following cases were on the docket of the Police Court this morning. In the absence of material witnesses they were all continued:

Benjamin Waters, arrested by Officers Knight and Johnson charged with failing to report junk he had purchased.

Isaac Thornton, colored, arrested by the same officers charged with being a party to the above offense.

John Ryan, arrested by Officers Knight and Ferguson charged with being a suspicious character.

Tillie Sisson, arrested by Officers Beach and Arrington, charged with assaulting J. H. Ward.

Revival.

Special revival services are being conducted at the Methodist Episcopal Church South. The pastor, Rev. J. P. Stump, is being assisted by the various Protestant ministers of the city. The services Monday night were conducted by Rev. Dr. W. F. Fisher, of the Baptist Church. Rev. J. H. S. Ewell, of the Methodist Protestant Church, delivered the sermon last night; Rev. Dr. Hutchinson, presiding elder of the Washington district, will preach tonight; Rev. Edgar Carpenter, of Grace Episcopal Church, will preach Thursday night; and Rev. J. A. Jeffers, of Trinity Church, Friday night. The services will be continued throughout the next week.

Meetings.

The annual meetings of the Abner-Drury Brewing Company and of the Duffin & Martin Company were held in this city yesterday, when the old directors and officers were re-elected.

The annual meeting of the Washington National Building and Loan Association of Washington, was held in this city today, when the old directors and officers were re-elected.

The stockholders of the W. T. Walker Brick Company met today at Arlington for the purpose of electing directors and officers.

The Old Steamer Columbia.

The old ferry steamer Columbia, which for a number of years was on the ferry route between this city and Washington until she was destroyed by fire in May, 1903, is lying at the 9th street wharf, Washington, while the wreckers are removing the boiler, engine and other machinery from the old boat, leaving only the bare hull, which will be fitted up for a huseboat.

Game Preserves.

An interesting bill was introduced by Mr. James R. Caton, of this city, in the House of Delegates yesterday for the establishment of game preserves, and for the enforcement of the laws against trespass and unlawful hunting and fishing.

The Smoot Will Case.

The morning session of the Corporation Court today in the hearing of the Smoot will contest was consumed in the taking of evidence for the proponents of the will and was principally to bring out the alleged fact that the contestant has for some years been intemperate in her habits.

The first witness was Nannie Jackson, the colored laundress at the Smoot residence, who testified that Mrs. Smoot had told her that she had made her will, but that she was not at all satisfied with it.

She was followed by Rev. Mr. Burch, who admitted, in cross examination by Mr. Brent, that he had said on one occasion that Rev. Mr. Jones was a rascal but he explained that he had said so because of stories told him by Miss Ella Smoot and not because of any personal knowledge. He added that he now believed Mr. Jones to be everything that a Christian gentleman and a minister of the gospel should be.

Frank Burch and Smoot Jones, sons of the two clergymen, gave unimportant testimony and Mrs. Burch again took the stand. She testified that her sister, Miss Smoot, had frequently abused the Joneses and was often irresponsible. Mrs. Burch said that she had had but one serious disagreement with her mother, and that was when she had opened a letter addressed to her mother, but she said she had done this at the suggestion of Miss Ella Smoot, who had informed her that Rev. Mr. Jones was getting from their mother money that belonged to them.

Mr. Brent asked Mrs. Burch if she was under the influence of Miss Ella Smoot when she opened her mother's letter and she replied that she must have been.

At the afternoon session Mrs. Warner Moore took the stand and testified that Rev. Mr. Burch upon seeing a check for \$1,875, drawn on a brokerage firm in New York, written by Rev. Dr. Jones and signed by Mrs. Frances Smoot, became angry and called Rev. Mr. Jones a rascal. Witness further testified that during two days she was with Mr. Burch at Atlantic City his sole topic of conversation was abuse of the Joneses.

Rev. Mr. Burch again took the stand and admitted that he had called Rev. Mr. Jones a rascal, but denied having abused the Joneses. He reiterated that he had used the word "rascal" in referring to Rev. Mr. Jones after listening to one of Miss Smoot's statements.

After the Gazette's report closed yesterday evening and after several other witnesses for the contestant had been heard, Rev. W. Strother Jones was placed on the stand in rebuttal. He was asked by Col. Smith if he was not a descendant of an old and honored family, and in reply gave the names of his mother and father, and also said that he had been a minister of the gospel for thirty years. When questioned about certain statements, made by witnesses for the contestant and asked if they were true, he said, "I repeat them with indignation and scorn." When the witness was turned over to Mr. Brent he was asked about certain incidents following the lease of the lumber business to Mr. Field, and admitted that when he "thought Miss Smoot was about to punch" him with the end of an umbrella he had warned her that he would "treat her as a man and would knock her down."

Rev. Mr. Jones stated that Miss Smoot had objected to the lease of the lumber yard and said that since his second marriage she had been most unkind and ungracious toward him. When one of his attorneys called his attention to the fact that Miss Smoot had branded him "a rascal" in court Monday, he said the charge was "most outrageous."

Joe Haskins, colored, who had been a servant at the Smoot home for 35 years, was on the stand for some time, but was a most unwilling witness and but little was gained from him. He admitted that there were family disturbances, but said he believed that such things were common to most households. When asked as to Miss Smoot's habits, he said she was not always temperate, but could not fix any act of intemperance within the period to which the court had limited the investigation, and finally announced that he would rather go to jail than reveal the family secrets that he believed should be sacred to all servants. The attorneys did not insist upon the court taking drastic measures and Haskins was excused.

Haskins was placed on the stand by counsel for Rev. William Strother Jones and Rev. Francis M. Burch and their wives, who are the proponents of the will which Miss Ella Rose Smoot, the unmarried sister of the wives of the clergymen, seeks to break, to show that the contestant is of intemperate habits.

The Murder Mystery.

The circumstances in connection with the murder of George Curtin are still a matter of conjecture. The police this morning made another search in a direction which it was thought might lead to positive conclusions. They were, however, disappointed, and resumed other trails.

Harry Meeks and Herbert Foster, the two young men arrested Monday, are still held, it being believed by the authorities that they can throw light on the mystery, but, so far, they have failed to tell anything more than what is already known. In the meantime there are many speculations concerning the fate of Curtin.

Another young man, who, it is alleged, frequents north Lee street, was examined at the station house this morning concerning his whereabouts on the night of December 23. He proved he was at work on that night.

Personal.

The officers of George Mason Council, Royal Arcanum, have paid to Mrs. Lerena Winfield Broughton, of this city, \$1,000, the amount of the benefit held in that order by her father, the late Gerald W. Parton, of Raleigh, N. C.

Among the strangers in Savannah, Ga., and registered at the Pulaski House are Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Dempsey, of Alexandria.

Mr. Henry Bander, jr., of this city, and Miss Irene Sampson were married quietly in Richmond today. The Misses Bander and Miss Mary Heishley, of this city, attended the wedding.

Mr. Andrew Britton and Mrs. Mary Moran, both of Washington, were married in this city last night by Rev. J. H. S. Ewell.

Always Increasing the Strength.

A reasonable amount of food thoroughly digested and properly assimilated will always increase the strength. If your stomach is a "little off" Kodol Dyspepsia Cure will digest what you eat and enable the digestive organs to assimilate and transform all foods into the pure blood. Kodol relieves all forms of Stomach, Bile, Heart, Burn and all forms of Indigestion. Palatable and strengthening. Sold by W. F. Creighton & Co., 401 King street.

Entertainments.

The Alexandria Entertainment Company gave a very creditable exhibition in the Methodist Protestant Church last night. The entertainment consisted of moving pictures, lectures and views on the life of Christ, songs, etc. There was a large attendance.

Alexandria Tent, No. 2, K. O. T. M., gave an interesting entertainment at their hall Monday night. State Counselor R. M. Sullivan was present. Refreshments were served at the close of the entertainment.

Lee Camp Banquet.

A meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary to the R. E. Lee Camp of Confederate Veterans was held in the camp hall last night and arrangements perfected for the annual banquet in honor of Gen. Lee's birthday. The members of the camp are busy with the arrangements for the celebration and expect a large attendance. As heretofore stated Senator Blackburn, of Kentucky, and Congressman Champ Clark, of Missouri, will speak on the occasion.

Sweeping the Streets.

The new street sweeper raised a fog on King street this morning. It was operated without the sprinkler, causing clouds of dust to be wafted down the thoroughfare by the north wind. It was suggested by many that the street should be cleaned at night. The new sweeper is in every way a success when operated under proper conditions. The cobblestones on several streets have been cleaned satisfactorily and quickly by the device.

D. A. R. Entertainment.

All the arrangements for the entertainment to be given at the Opera House tonight under the auspices of the D. A. R., have been completed and a large and fashionable audience is expected to be present. Most of the reserved seats have already been taken. A detachment of Minute Men from Washington and members of Osceola Tribe of Red Men of this city will take part in the entertainment.

A Victim of Knockout Drops.

Several days ago it was stated in this column that a railroad fireman was found a short distance north of this city in the night time partially dressed and helpless. The affair was shrouded in mystery until recently. It is now said that the man was a victim of knockout drops, and that after having been doped he was robbed and left in the condition in which he was found.

W. C. T. U.

The regular business meeting of the Allison W. C. T. U., will be held tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Children's Home, on Duke street.

The regular weekly prayer meeting will also be held tomorrow night at 7:30 o'clock, led by Rev. P. P. Phillips, of St. Paul's Church.

Funeral.

The remains of the late Mrs. Susan Cooper Cline, widow of R. T. Cline, formerly of this city, who died in Philadelphia Monday morning, were brought here today and interred. The service were conducted by Rev. P. P. Phillips.

LOCAL BRIEVITIES.

Several pistol shots were heard in the northeastern section of the city last night.

The Alexandria National Bank has issued a very handsome calendar, a copy of which has been received at this office.

The various garrisons of the Army and Navy Union in Washington are arranging to take part in the George Washington birthday celebration on February 22.

The "Kentucky Blossoms," said to be a first-class company, will appear at the Opera House in this city on next Monday night. The production will be given for the benefit of the colored Elks of this city.

Marriage licenses were issued in Washington yesterday to John H. Doherty and Annie E. Sinclair, of Fairfax county; Albert E. Dye, of Arlington, and Emma M. Smith, of Melvale; George W. Grantham and Lelia L. Roundtree, of Newsum, and to Robert F. Harrison and Mamie Harrison, both of Gamble.

Bishop Spaulding, of Salt Lake, yesterday evening addressed the students of the Episcopal Theological Seminary, near this city, on the subject of the Mormons.

Fried Clams 30 cents a dozen. Oyster fried steak or raw. Free lunch—hot sausage C. H. Zimmerman, Market Space.

Meriwether Resigns.

Midshipman Minor Meriwether, jr., has handed in his resignation as a midshipman, but it will not be accepted while the present charges are pending. Even should he be relieved of them, the acceptance is unlikely, as he has served only a month of his term of confinement to the academy grounds, to which he was sentenced on account of his connection with the fight during which Midshipman Branch, of New York city, received fatal injuries. However, Meriwether is very much discouraged about being called into account for affairs taking place before his recent trouble with Branch and the subsequent court-martial. He would be perfectly willing to plead guilty to the charge, and at least some of the specifications, except that he wishes the evidence to come out.

He believes that it will be shown that he never had any part in cruel hazing, but that the whole thing was regarded as a joke by all concerned. Still there is no doubt that, under their previous rulings, the court will regard these things as hazing, and Meriwether has little hope of an acquittal.

Challenges by counsel for Meriwether to every member of the hazing court at the Naval Academy were overruled. Yesterday's cases were decided in six cases against him, stating that they did the "sixteenth" and were stood on their heads in his room. The "rabbit dance" was brought before the court.

The Gazette.

The Alexandria Gazette, one of our most valuable exchanges, has entered upon its 107th year. In this day of big newspapers the Gazette is a striking illustration of the fact that bigness is not news. Certainly a man hunting for news, especially news interesting to a Virginian, can get more real satisfaction out of the Gazette than out of any 16 page paper we ever saw.—[Manassas Journal.]

Forced to Starve.

B. F. Leek, of Concord, Ky., says: "For 20 years I suffered agonies, with a sore on my upper lip, so painful, sometimes, that I could not eat. After vainly trying everything else, I cured it with Backen's Arnica Salve. It's great for burns, cuts and wounds. At E. S. Leadbetter & Sons' drug store; only 25c."

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PROPOSALS.

OFFICE OF THE CONSTRUCTING Quartermaster, U. S. Army, Fort Hunt, Va., January 13, 1906. Sealed proposals, in triplicate, will be received at this office until 12 o'clock noon February 16, 1906, for the Extension of the Water Distribution System at Fort Washington, Md. Information regarding plans and specifications may be obtained at this office. The names of the managers of the several articles required in the performance of a contract which may be entered into are required to be stated in the bid unless manifestly impracticable to do so. Proposals must also state the date upon which bidders will come upon the work, and the date of the termination thereof, or the Extension of the Water Distribution System at Fort Washington, Md., and addressed to 1st Lieut. WILLIS R. VANCE, Art's Corps, Constructing Quartermaster, Fort Hunt, Virginia. Jan 17 18:19,30,614,15

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THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF ALEXANDRIA, VA.

FRIDAY, January 19th, General Robert E. Lee's Birthday, being a legal holiday, this bank will be closed.

CHAS. R. HOOFF, President.

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ANY PERSON who purchased a washing machine from the late George R. Curran will learn something to their advantage by reading the notice in this paper.

CIRCUS SOAP, 4c. 25 boxes Circus Soap just received, for sale at 4c.

J. C. MILBURN.

Rosenfeld's Winter Sale.

We never buy trashy goods for a cheap sale. We have but one sale each season. Every Ladies' Suit, every Coat, every Rain Coat, every Skirt, all our Blankets, all our Comforts, all our Table Linens and Napkins are from our regular stock and are being sold at

REDUCED PRICES.

This week you can buy \$1 Flannelette Wrappers at 75c. Trimmed and Ready-to-wear Hats at half. Dress Goods greatly reduced.

Remnants of everything, and we are anxious to get them out.

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Suits that were \$19.50, now \$5.90

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Our January Special Sale of

Chinaware, Glassware and

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It embraces household wares of the best grades only, and it affords an opportunity to secure the best possible values in the worthy kinds of Chinaware, Glassware and the several other classes of household needs. We offer from our regular stock many articles at specially low prices. We also offer several lots of new goods purchased from manufacturers at reduced prices especially for this sale.

We call special attention to our annual Clearance Sale of Lamps, Lamp Shades and accessories. Second floor—G st.

The January Special Sale of

Household Linens

Our special sale of Household Linens and Bedding is an inducement to housewives to supply the immediate as well as future need of their linen presses at very reasonable prices. We call attention to the following extraordinary offering:

Irish Damask Pattern Cloths, full bleached, in very attractive designs. We offer these in the three most useful sizes, at the following special prices:

24x36 yards, \$2.00. Value, \$2.50.

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Hemstitched Irish Huckleback Towels, fine quality and beautifully finished; sizes 24x43 inches. \$3.75 per dozen. Value \$5.

We also offer an importers' samples of China and Bone China—Teacups, Teapots, Tea Caddies, etc., together with a lot of Hemstitched and Open-work Irish Linen Centerpieces, Servis, Tea Cloths, etc., at 25 to 50 Per Cent. Less Than Regular Prices.

Also a lot of Bed Comfortables, covered with silkolene, finished with silk border and filled with Australian lamb's wool—very attractive patterns. \$3.65 each. Regular price, \$5.

Second floor—Eleventh st.

Lace Curtains, Couch Covers,

Draperies and Upholstery

Fabrics Reduced.

The third week of our January Sale of these several classes of goods was begun Monday. They represent very unusual values in this season's latest styles, patterns and effects. The collection consists of Lace and Muslin Curtains, Couch Covers, Portieres, Table Covers, Samples of Tapestries, Short Lengths of Silk Velours, Flax Velours, etc.

Fourth floor—G st.

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